

SENATE FIRST READERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2015

FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

SB 3. By Senators Unterman of the 45th, Shafer of the 48th, Cowsert of the 46th, Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Gooch of the 51st and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 9 of Title 19 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to child custody proceedings, so as to provide for the creation, authorization, procedure, revocation, and termination of a power of attorney from a parent to another person for the temporary delegation of certain power and authority for the care of a minor child; to provide a short title; to provide for definitions; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 35. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 42nd, Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 24th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 16-5-70 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to cruelty to children, so as to provide that leaving certain children in vehicles under certain circumstances constitutes cruelty to children in the third degree; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 36. By Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd, Williams of the 19th, Watson of the 1st, Sims of the 12th and Jackson of the 24th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 12 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to wells and drinking water, so as to prohibit the injection of ground water into the Floridan aquifer in certain counties; to provide for a short title; to provide for legislative findings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Natural Resources and the Environment Committee.

SB 37. By Senators Ramsey, Sr. of the 43rd, Davenport of the 44th, Unterman of the 45th, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 and Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education and law enforcement officers and agencies, respectively, so as to require certain persons with arrest powers at university or college campuses to report allegations of rape to a local law enforcement agency with concurrent jurisdiction, to hand over all information and evidence, and to cooperate with said law enforcement agency; to provide for penalties; to require all law enforcement agencies with information on a sexual assault to cooperate with colleges and universities investigating a student for said assault; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

SB 38. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 7 of Chapter 4 of Title 49 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to medical assistance generally, so as to provide for the authorization of appropriations for the purposes of obtaining federal financial participation for medical assistance payments to providers of Medicaid expansion under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010; to provide for certain restrictions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Appropriations Committee.

SB 39. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Tate of the 38th, Jones II of the 22nd, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 5 of Chapter 12 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to abortion, so as to change certain provisions relating to criminal abortion; to change certain provisions relating to when abortion is legal; to amend Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health, so as to change certain provisions relating to civil and professional penalties for violations of the "Woman's Right to Know Act"; to change certain provisions relating to definitions relative to the "Woman's Right to Know Act"; to repeal provisions relating to a physician's obligation in the performance of abortions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 40. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 31 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to health, so as to repeal Code Section 31-1-40, relating to prohibition on expenditure or use of moneys, human resources, or assets of the State of Georgia to advocate or intended to influence the citizens of this state in support of the voluntary expansion by the state of eligibility for medical assistance in furtherance of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; to amend Chapter 1 of Title 33 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions regarding insurance, so as to repeal Code Section 33-1-23; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Government Oversight Committee.

SB 41. By Senators Tate of the 38th, Henson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 2A of Title 31 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the Department of Public Health, so as to enact the "Georgia Family Planning Initiative"; to provide for definitions; to authorize public and private funding; to provide for distribution of funds for family planning services; to provide for priority of patients and cost of services; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SB 42. By Senators Butler of the 55th, Jones II of the 22nd, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 34-8-194 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to grounds for disqualification of benefits, so as to provide that leaving an employer due to family violence shall establish good cause in connection with a claim for unemployment benefits; to provide that an employer's account shall not be charged for the payment of such benefits; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 43. By Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions relative to labor and industrial relations, so as to change certain provisions relating to an employer's obligation to provide time for an employee to express breast milk for an infant child; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Insurance and Labor Committee.

SB 44. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Harbison of the 15th, Jones of the 10th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to education, so as to provide that noncitizen students receiving a grant of deferred action for childhood arrivals from the United States Department of Homeland Security may be extended the same consideration as citizens of the United States in determining whether they qualify for in-state classification for purposes of tuition and fees by the university system and the Technical College System of Georgia; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Higher Education Committee.

SB 45. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Seay of the 34th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 5 of Title 17 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to searches with warrants, so as to provide for the use of no-knock search warrants; to provide for a short title; to provide for a definition; to change provisions relating to the issuance of search warrants; to change provisions relating to the use of force in executing a search warrant; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 46. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Davenport of the 44th, Henson of the 41st, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 1 of Title 35 of the O.C.G.A., relating to general provisions relative to law enforcement officers and agencies, so as to provide for definitions; to require that certain peace officers be equipped with an audio and video recording device attached to their persons for recording audio and video of all activities performed while on duty; to provide for a public disclosure exception; to provide for penalties; to provide for grant funding; to amend Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A., relating to the inspection of public records, so as to provide for the release under certain circumstances of certain audio and video recordings from audio and video recording devices attached to the persons of peace officers; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Public Safety Committee.

SB 47. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Rhett of the 33rd, Jones of the 10th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 and Article 1 of Chapter 10 of Title 17 of the O.C.G.A., relating to crimes and offenses and the procedure for sentencing and imposition of punishment, respectively, so as to repeal certain provisions regarding sentencing of defendants guilty of crimes involving bias or prejudice, notices for enhanced sentencing, and enhanced sentencing; to provide for sentencing of defendants who commit certain crimes which target a victim due to the victim's race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, or national origin; to amend Code Section 15-11-2 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to definitions for juvenile proceedings, so as to provide for a cross-reference; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 48. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jones II of the 22nd, Rhett of the 33rd, Parent of the 42nd, Orrock of the 36th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 3 of Article 4 of Chapter 11 of Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to carrying and possession of firearms, so as to prohibit restoration of gun rights to persons who have been convicted of a forcible felony; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 49. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Jones of the 10th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 16 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to crimes and offenses, so as to repeal the statute relating to no duty to retreat prior to the use of force; to correct cross-references; to repeal the defense of self or others as an absolute defense; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

SB 50. By Senators Fort of the 39th, Henson of the 41st, Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 1 of Chapter 18 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions for prosecuting attorneys, so as to provide for the appointment of a prosecuting attorney when the accused is a law enforcement officer charged with a felony or an act of family violence; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Judiciary Non-Civil Committee.

SB 51. By Senators Burke of the 11th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Millar of the 40th, Miller of the 49th and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 4 of Title 26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to pharmacists and pharmacies, so as to provide for substitutions of interchangeable biological products; to define certain terms; to provide for requirements and limitations; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to Health and Human Services Committee.

SR 40. By Senators Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd, Williams of the 19th, Kirk of the 13th and others:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life of Captain Herbert "Herb" Lee Emory and dedicating the new flyover ramp on Interstate 85 at Georgia 400 in his honor; and for other purposes.

Referred to Transportation Committee.

SR 41. By Senators Henson of the 41st, Fort of the 39th, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th and James of the 35th:

A RESOLUTION commending Deputy Sheriff Cynthia Hall for her bravery and commitment to serving Georgians; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 42. By Senators Hill of the 4th, Harbison of the 15th, Dugan of the 30th, Cowsert of the 46th, Hill of the 6th and others:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 26, 2015, as National Guard Day at the capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 43. By Senators Albers of the 56th, Thompson of the 14th and Hill of the 32nd:

A RESOLUTION creating the Senate Special Tax Exemption Study Committee; and for other purposes.

Referred to Finance Committee.

SR 44. By Senators Orrock of the 36th, Fort of the 39th, Butler of the 55th, Tate of the 38th, Davenport of the 44th and others:

A RESOLUTION requesting that the United States Congress and the President of the United States work to amend the Constitution of the United States to prohibit corporations and other entities from making unlimited independent expenditures supporting or opposing candidates for public office; and for other purposes.

Referred to Ethics Committee.

SR 45. By Senators Parent of the 42nd, Rhett of the 33rd, James of the 35th, Jones of the 10th, Sims of the 12th and others:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Georgia so as to provide procedures and standards for legislative and congressional reapportionment; to provide for related matters; to provide for the submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to Reapportionment and Redistricting Committee.

SR 46. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION commending Lester Anthony for his contributions to the music and floral design industries; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 47. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION commending Florrie B. Scriven on her recognition by the National Baptist Convention; and for other purposes

Read and Adopted.

SR 48. By Senators Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th and Watson of the 1st:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Bishop William B. Gilbert; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 49. By Senator Unterman of the 45th:

A RESOLUTION honoring and commending the organizations and their staff members of Service Providers Association for Developmental Disabilities and celebrating their day at the Capitol on January 15, 2015; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 50. By Senator Sims of the 12th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Curtis and Marion Butler on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 51. By Senator Harbin of the 16th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending Pastor Glenn Stringham on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 53. By Senator Orrock of the 36th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 20, 2015, as Multi-Agency Alliance for Children Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 54. By Senators Hill of the 4th and Stone of the 23rd:

A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of James "Jimmy" Morgan; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 55. By Senator Hill of the 4th:

A RESOLUTION commending Tippins Bank on 75 years in business; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.

SR 56. By Senator Albers of the 56th:

A RESOLUTION recognizing January 28, 2015, as Autism Awareness Day at the state capitol; and for other purposes.

Read and Adopted.